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PETITION TO EXPUNGE

Commissioner for Patents
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This petition to expunge is submitted at the time of filing proprietary information pursuant to MPEP §724. If the Examiner finds that the following unpublished applications are *not* material to patentability of Application No. 09/941,154, Applicants hereby petition those unpublished applications be expunged from the file of Application No. 09/941,154.

In response to a request from the Examiner in Application No. 09/941,154, Applicants submitted copies of the following unpublished U.S. patent applications:

Application No. 29/255,380 (unpublished)

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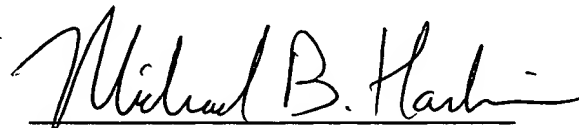
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(g), and any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 13-0017, in the name of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd.

Respectfully submitted,

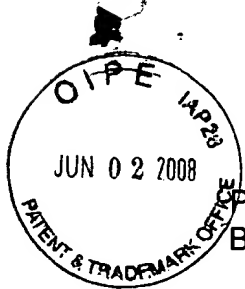
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